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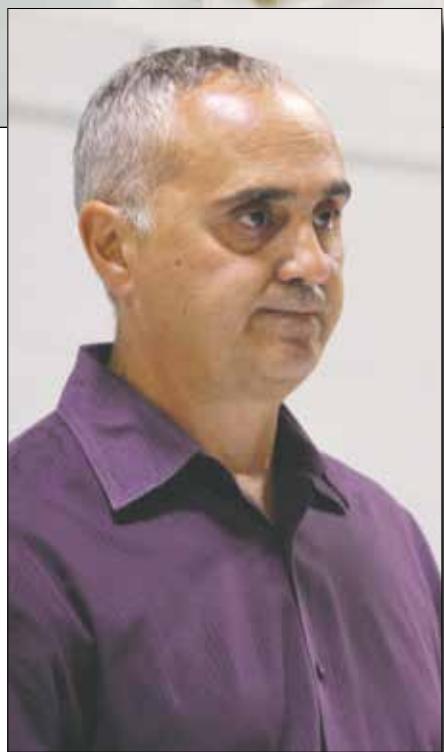
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Disheartened Wilberforce residents listen to Scotiabank district vice president Nick Toritto (bottom left) speak at a town hall meeting.
Photo by Mark Arike.

Scotiabank short on answers

By Mark Arike

Like a broken record, Nick Toritto kept repeating himself.

One resident went so far as to compare him to a robot.

Toritto, who is the district vice president for Scotiabank, spoke to more than 50 residents during a town hall meeting on Tuesday at the arena in Wilberforce. He was in Maynooth the day before where many frustrated residents walked out.

"While we know, and I know, that this topic for our meeting is not one that you're

glad to discuss, we all sincerely appreciate the opportunity to meet with you," said Toritto, while reading notes.

Last month, the bank announced it would be closing branches in Wilberforce and Maynooth effective Jan. 19, 2017 and consolidating in Bancroft. The decision, which they claim was made after a full market analysis, was made because customers are changing their banking habits, doing Internet and telephone banking.

The meeting was intended to give the bank an opportunity to share information

and for customers to ask questions.

"My colleagues and I are committed to staying here tonight until we've answered every one of your questions to the best of our ability that we can at this time," he said. "We may not have answers to all the questions that you have, but I am personally committed that any questions we can't answer we will take away, and come back to you with a response as soon as we're able."

But when the questions came, Toritto gave canned responses or asked to meet with clients individually afterwards.

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Scotiabank representative compared to robot

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Doug Stephen, a former CIBC employee, asked if the Wilberforce branch is making or losing money.

"What we're telling you tonight is difficult and it's not something you want to hear from us," responded Toritto. "What we do know is that customer needs and preferences are changing and they're changing everywhere."

"You dodged the question," said Ted Morris, a member of a seven-person committee looking at other options. "It was quite simple ... are you dropping a winner or are you dropping a loser?"

Toritto skirted around the question. The audience mumbled as he spoke and Morris

demanded an answer.

"I recognize you're upset and you're frustrated. I'm happy to meet with you after the meeting one-on-one to talk about it."

Craig McDonald, owner of Wilberforce Foodland and the branch's landlord, said the bank's lease doesn't expire until a year after the closure and the bank is willing to let the space sit empty.

"That's the kind of people we're dealing with. They don't care about our town. They don't care about the people."

The committee, which includes business owners and a councillor, is working on a business plan to attract a credit union or other financial institution. He encouraged customers not to transfer their accounts to Bancroft if they don't want to.

"Right now we're all united—and we need the community to stay right behind us," he said.

Tory Hill resident Nina Clarke was disappointed with the low turnout. "I think a lot of people have given up already, which we shouldn't," said Clarke, who pointed out the community is full of retirees who don't drive or use computers. "It seems like you're forcing the hand of a lot of people here."

Ann Corrigan, treasurer of the Algonquin Gateway Business Association and member of the committee, told Toritto its 72 members won't move their accounts to Bancroft.

Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge wanted to know how many employees at both

branches would lose their jobs.

"There will be people that will be moving from Wilberforce and Maynooth to Bancroft for employment. Where there is not a fit based on someone's position, we are working with them one-on-one to find a solution," he said, adding the hours will be extended in Bancroft.

In the coming months, staff will meet with customers and help them transfer their accounts. It will be business as usual until the consolidation. The bank is seeking to partner with a local business to set up an ATM machine in the community. The branch, which opened in 1969, is the town's only full-service bank. Of the 1,000 Scotiabank branches in Canada, 40-50 are expected to close this year.



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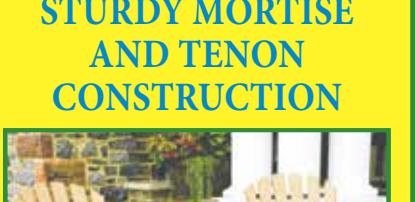
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Third try for Haliburton Village condo development

By Mark Arike

A proposed condominium project for Haliburton is going from 44 to 83 units.

It also has a new name—One Sunnyside. But the principals behind the development say not much else has changed.

"It's essentially the same as the previous proposal," said builder Peter Schoettle, who was joined by his partner Stephen Lee of Emerald Waters.

They met with Dysart councillors during a special meeting on Wednesday to review renderings of the project located at 1 Sunnyside St.

Almost a year ago, Stephen Mak, owner of an architectural firm in Toronto, presented his plans to build Bluewater, a four-storey condo on the very same property. It is directly across the road from Granite Cove, one of two existing condo developments in Haliburton.

But it didn't come to fruition because he couldn't get financing, according to consultant Sharon Snitman.

Well before he arrived, about eight years ago, a 150-unit development known as Watercolours was in the works under Mady Development. In 2013, the Toronto-based company put the property up for sale for \$1.95 million when it "no longer fit" with their corporate strategy.

The 3.68-acre property is currently listed for less than \$1.4 million.

The increase in units from the previous proposal was necessary to make the project feasible, said Schoettle in an interview.

"It has to do with the amenities space that we're providing," he said.

The development will feature a 3,500 sq. ft. lake view "Art of Living Centre" for activities and exercise classes. A lap pool will also be part of the amenities.

"The amenities (are) the full complement of the amenities we had at Watercolours," Snitman told council.

The units will start at 750 sq. ft. and are expected to exceed 1,100 sq. ft. Each will face Head Lake.

Prices have not yet been set, said real estate agent Mark Dennys.

The price range for Bluewater was between \$270,000 and \$400,000.

"They will be comparable," said Snitman, who explained the target market will be Haliburton residents and those in the Greater Toronto Area.

The cost to build is yet to be determined, said Schoettle.

They plan to use local materials and the architects, Quadrangle Architects Limited, have considered the surrounding environment in their design.

"The architects designed the building so that it wouldn't look institutional," he said.

"They've used angles ... just to soften it and so that it fits in to the landscape better."

There are 84 covered parking spaces and 17 spaces for visitors.

"I think it looks pretty good," said Councillor Derek Knowles.

Reeve Murray Fearrey was also impressed by what he saw.

"This is by far the best we've seen," said Fearrey.

In order to obtain a site plan, the developers must now complete numerous studies and working drawings. They intend to work within the current zoning restrictions. A zoning bylaw amendment isn't necessary.

They will tear down the old Fleming College building, which has been sitting vacant for years.

Schoettle expects to start this fall, but planning director Pat Martin reminded him that a lot of work has to be done.

"I would say even 2017 would be even ambitious," she said.

The developers stayed after the meeting to answer questions from those in attendance, including members of the public.



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Lake association AGMs worth attending

I worked my second Saturday this past weekend and was overwhelmed by the number of lake association annual general meetings that were going on. Many of them had skipped over the Canada Day long weekend and instead held their meetings July 9-10.

In all, we were informed of five meetings: Lake Kashagawigamog, Soyers Lake, Miskwabi, Canning Lake and Drag and Spruce Lakes. I'm sure we missed some others.

Being new to the county, I decided to check out a couple of these meetings. Our summer student, Justin van Lieshout took in one and publisher Bram Lebo popped into another.

The result is a couple of lake news pages in this week's edition.

Some people have since asked me why the paper bothered to go to these lake association AGM's. Didn't we stop that years ago, I was asked.

I'm not sure, really. However, as I have gone about my business here in the county, I have met a lot of seasonal residents and they are reading our paper. We have been thinking about how to make the paper more attractive to them and covering their news is a good start.

I have picked up on the attitude of some year-rounders when it comes to cottagers and tourists in Haliburton County. I have heard comments in offices to the effect

of 'don't go out there, it's teeming with cottagers and/or tourists.'

Even the irascible Will Jones refers to the tourists in his column in today's paper, leading off with "Tourists, eh."

Don't get me wrong. I get it. Yes, the population mushrooms to some 50,000 people this time of year and it is annoying when traffic crawls, there are long line-ups at gas station pumps, the sidewalks fill with holiday-mode strangers when we are rushing around during a busy work day and the stores gets exceedingly crowded.

I am told it puts a lot of pressure on the municipalities as well. One municipal official told me it results in substantially increased use of all facilities and amenities, such as roads, dumps and parks as well as increased calls and visits with municipal staff inundated with inquiries, requests for permits and inspections, complaints and follow-ups to those complaints. The official told me that this all equates to municipal business slowing down.

"Those seasonal pressures mean we have to try to plan for the highest use, kind of like building a mall parking lot for Christmas Eve shopping," she said.

However, this is nothing new and the municipalities are used to it.

What wasn't mentioned is the revenue that comes in from seasonal taxes.

I am also told that businesses do 75 per cent of their annual trade in about 75 days

of summer in this county.

So, it is a bit of a good news, bad news story.

The good news is that seasonal residents and cottagers bring a substantial amount of money into our county over a short period of time every year. The tourists tend to come for July and August but the seasonal residents can be here for up to six months, if they open the cottage in May and close it in October.

So, yes, I decided we would cover some lake association AGMs this past weekend. It was also an opportunity to learn about some of the issues that cottagers are concerned with. We were told about membership woes, shoreline rehabilitation, how the municipal property assessment corporation determines cottage values and a schedule of when the notices will be sent out and how and when people can appeal.

We also witnessed a lot of generosity on the part of cottagers, who donated literally thousands of dollars to various Haliburton County initiatives. I also know that many of these seasonal residents volunteer their time over the summer as well.

So, was it worth it?
Absolutely.



By Lisa Gervais

The slippery slope of intolerance

I heard about the recent homophobia leveled at a local pet groomer who had returned to his business after a short social engagement to find the word "fag" spray-painted on his front window, and, frankly, the news pissed me off more than anything. Part of my frustration comes from the pure close-mindedness this doofus (the spray painter) displayed by showing his or her ignorance. The level of intolerance this person displayed also gets under my skin, but what bothers me most is whatever rationale this person would offer given the chance to defend himself (let's assume it's a "him").

What exactly is it about homosexuality that bothers this person so much? Although I'm not one to always adamantly defend everything coated in the rainbow flag, and by that I mean that all people have equal rights that demand defending regardless of how current or topical it is, I try to respect the rights of all living creatures. Live and let live, I say. Still what would cause this person to act so typical in regards to a sexual preference.

If pushed I'm sure he'd say it has something to do with moral indignation, probably citing that homosexuality is some sort of mortal sin that will "properly" be dealt with at the reckoning. Well, if so, why do you even care about this gay person? If they face some sort of eternal damnation because of their lifestyle choice then I guess you'll have the last laugh then, won't you? Why revel in it when they're the one who will be facing the hounds of hell?

More so, you'd probably be advised to

advance beyond your 19th century thinking. Hiding behind the moral fence of religion is a little outdated wouldn't you say? While organized religion - if that's your argument - has historically been a little late to the party, for whatever reason the various religions want to cite, even they have moved into more democratic and tolerant ideologies. Despite the internal moral and ethical struggles with the homosexuality question (and beyond) even organized religion is beginning to see the light. Yet you stick with unbridled and ignorant defense of whatever ethical pillar you claim to stand on. Truth is, you're the one standing out in a bad way and you're the one who puts our society in more danger. This isn't reactionary hyperbole, this is the truth you're seeing played in a lot of countries in the world. Sadly, the one just south of us seems to be one of the worst examples.

I'm not even meaning the political lightning rod known as Donald Trump, whose rise to significant power in a seemingly rational nation says more than his knee jerk buffoonery ever will. The mere fact this guy can have that kind of strong social voice isn't so much a condemnation of him (it could be anyone), it's more a condemnation of what American society has been allowed to become. Hate speech and a fracturing society is acceptable by a lot of people who should know better.

The sad part of America is how it always needs some sort of fight or confrontation to exist. Most of that frustration has played out by occasionally exercising its

formidable military muscle. Hell, the country was founded on conflict and sad to say it seems to only find its bearing within conflict. As much as you would hope people for the most part love peace, it seems the more Americans try to move towards a more unified and just society, the more splintered the nation becomes.

Don't get me wrong. This isn't a pompous Canadian's rant against our big brother. I love the basic concept of American and what it theoretically stands for. The problem is in the delivery of the concept. There's a hell of lot that's been lost in the translation and, if they find a way to straighten it out, they will lose a great nation in the process. Instead of driving wedges between each other based on religion, sexual preference or god knows what else, their nation should be looking for ways to unify. Divisiveness only leads to more of the same.

Despite our vast (and growing) differences we've always found ways to co-exist peacefully in this country. We are a big global experiment as a nation and frankly we're an experiment that's actually working and the best way to keep this grand thing moving forward is to show the small-minded among us, whether nationally or locally, that intolerance simply won't be tolerated here.



By Charlie Teljeur

Editorial opinion

A helping hand at the markets

Dear editor,

Kudos to the Haliburton Village farmer's market for responding to a request for assistance for a senior. Last week, I was greeted by a vendor whose Grade 9 son would be earning his volunteer hours helping to carry shopping throughout the market, and to the parking lot. Given the parking problems, and the distance sometimes involved, this is a great help. I mentioned this personal need to the vendor last week (sunglasses, purse, wallet, cane, poor balance, etc. are now a challenge) and last week the need was met. This excellent service will be available until September. Ask at the farmer's market booth if you aren't approached. Congratulations to retailers who rush to meet a need. Thank you.

Margery Cartwright
Haliburton

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



A blue jay pecks away at a roof in Haliburton. Photo by Mark Arike.

What do you really KNOW about proportional representation?

Dear editor,

Canadians are finally being given the opportunity to take a giant leap forward by adopting the progressive voting system known as Proportional Representation. While the Electoral Reform Commission does its study and prepares recommendations for our Federal Government, we can use this time to get on board and become informed. For most of us this is starting from scratch.

For instance, I was very surprised recently to learn that over 90 countries use a proportional voting system (PR), including about 85% of the OECD countries.

Among the nominal democracies, Canada, the USA, and Britain are the significant hold-outs for the less democratic "First past

the post" winner take all system.

We are all too well aware of how very dysfunctional the British and US governments have become! We too came dangerously close to losing any semblance of democracy here.

Adopting PR in Canada would allow almost every vote to count: 39% of the votes=39% of the seats. How different from the state Canada was in under the Harper government which had only 39% of the national votes but a clear majority of the seats with which the Conservatives clearly dominated the country. This meant that a "false majority" government ruled; that 61% of us wasted our votes and were not represented in so many of the decisions taken during those years. However, had

we had a PR voting system instead, a majority coalition government would have been formed broadening the opportunity for different points of view to influence decision making in a democratic way. History shows that majority coalitions are just as stable in the long run.

This is just a sample of the many reasons why a system of Proportional Representation would be so good for our country. Perhaps we could get a forum going where information, questions, and concerns could be expressed weekly in this paper? This would go a long way in helping us prepare for a possible public referendum.

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From Poacher's Trail to local lanes

Tourists, eh, what with their ridiculously fast-paced, later is not an option, kill or be killed, vacation attitudes. I don't really know how us locals manage to put up with them. I mean, when they're not charging four abreast down the high street sidewalk, all heads down checking their cell phones, they are meandering mind-numbingly slowly around the aisles of the grocery store, cell phones plastered to their skulls in the vain hope that 'mom' will be able to telepathically know where the grass fed, gluten free, low fat lettuce is!

What do you mean, how dare I make these stereotypical, sweeping statements about tourists? I dare because in the last week I have both been mistaken for and accused of being a tourist. The former was unfortunate, as I was presumed Australian, and we all know that no Englishman likes to be cast as an Aussie. The latter was a provocative attack upon my assumed status as honorary Haliburton local. I was swiftly put in my place and told that, "unless you are born here, you'll always be a tourist." And, as if that weren't enough pain to endure, I also have extra experience in the tourist department because I've had one

called Hector staying with me for the last few days, too.

However, I attest that for every dumb thing a tourist does, there's always a clever little something to follow. Let me explain. You see, Hector is a quirky English fellow and a long-time friend of mine. When he visits there are always good times and a bunch of eye opening moments. Situations can swerve from the sublime to the ridiculous and back again in seconds but there's one thing guaranteed. Hector will always come out of whatever he's got himself into smiling.

And so it was to Poacher's Trail, a mountain bike route in Haliburton Forest. Hector, having time to kill and the self-confidence of a bull moose, decided to go for a ride, and, seeing as how he had all afternoon to waste, he opted to ride the hard route. "Hey," he mused, "how difficult can a bike path be?"

Four hours later, with his flip flops torn and his cotton shirt shredded, Hector emerged from the forest bruised, battered and thoroughly bitten. "There was no trail!" he moaned, "Just bush, rocks and billions of flies. I carried the bike more

than I rode it because of all the blinkin' hills and I dared not stop because if the deer flies didn't eat me, the bears, wolves or snakes would..." And so it went on, a hilarious tale of misadventure and bad luck that had us all crying tears of laughter.

We talked long and laughed a lot about Hector's trip to Haliburton Forest but it wasn't until late in the evening that he'd 'recovered' enough to bemoan the traffic jam that he'd encountered going through Haliburton.

"Didn't expect that at all, not in a one horse town like this," he said.

"Summer tourists," I replied.

And that's when his ridiculous bicycle jaunt was trumped by a great idea. "You need local lanes," he said. "Yep, local lanes, for the locals."

For a moment there was stunned silence. "You know, like those HOT lanes on the 404, only for locals."

And there it was: genius.

It wasn't many minutes before we'd established a local lane route and even developed a monitoring system. By that, I mean we'd worked out that there would be no need for expensive electronic

The Outsider



By Will Jones

sensors or on board tracking systems. The municipality could simply employ two old boys (big round fellows with white hair, plaid shirts and red suspenders) to stand at either end of the local lane. Their job would be to wave at every car that used the local lane. If the driver did not wave back then they'd be assumed tourists and pulled over.

Simple, brilliant and dreamed up by a man who not hours before had thought it a wise idea to go bike riding down cliffs in the bush in the middle of the hottest, buggiest day of summer so far. I may ask Hector to move over here and run for reeve in the near future because it's ideas like that, that people come out and vote for.

As such, I say tourists, eh! You gotta love 'em, or at least like them a little bit even if only because this newspaper columnist is never going to be a proper local and if truth be known he quite enjoys meandering aimlessly around the grocery store every once in a while.

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: How would you improve the Haliburton skate park?



Carter Stamp

Haliburton

I'd make it bigger and put more ramps and stuff... ground rails too.



Daniel Stephen

Haliburton

I would expand it into the park more and put like, a bit of a halfpipe.



Evan Wheeler

Haliburton

I would put a halfpipe in and take out the rocks to make room for three or four more boxes.



Aidan Jones

Bobcaygeon

I would take the wood off the back of the ramp and add another one. I'd add a grinding rail too.



Samuel McMahon

Haliburton

I would expand it longer and put in more ramps, jumps, and boxes, because it's always too crowded.

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County in brief

Eshkour and Reeve Dave Burton last month to discuss some of these concerns, which she says aren't major.

"It is felt that a health services committee would benefit all users," she said.

She received positive feedback when she spoke to the executive director of the Bancroft Family Health Team about forming a committee.

The municipality will advertise for two members of the public.

The 2,000-square-foot facility includes a pharmacy and is located at 2165 Loop Rd. (Mark Arike).

Auditor says 'nothing wrong with debt'

Everything checks out, said an independent auditor during a recent Dysart council meeting.

Trina Connell of BDO, an international network of public accounting, tax and advisory firms, reviewed the township's financials and concluded everything looks relatively normal for a municipality of this size.

Revenues have increased from 2014 by \$355,000.

A decrease in grant money and an increase in taxation contributed to that growth.

The controversial new OPP billing model continues to eat a large portion of Dysart et al's 2016 budget, and according to Connell, that was reflected in the last year's budget as well.

It contributed to the township's \$463,500 in increased expenses over 2014. The \$323,000 worth of upgrades at the Haliburton landfill also played a big part in the increase.

Councillor Andrea Roberts asked Connell if the township's method of repaying its debt over time was the best choice for future financial stability, to which Connell answered, yes.

"It's being done by municipalities everywhere," she said. "There's nothing wrong with debt ... it's just something that has to be monitored." (Alex Coop).

First phase of curling club improvements complete

Some major improvements have been completed at the Wilberforce Curling Club.

Construction of a 16-by-20-foot mechanical room is done and a new compressor arrived last week.

Wilberforce company, Highlands East Creek Builders was contracted to build the room for \$33,000. The \$103,000 compressor was purchased from Gordon Wright Electric Limited in Niagara Falls.

Both were paid for with funds from a \$150,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant the club received late last year.

"It's [the compressor] pretty much all hooked up except for the new power to it," property supervisor Jim Alden told council on Monday. Alden explained that Hydro workers needed to install a new utility pole across the street to power the unit.

"It's an antique so ... they have to change it all over to run it to the building," he said.

In December, the club's executive cancelled the second half of the season because of a major breakdown in the cooling system. With the help of the municipality and fundraising, they plan to be up and running by the fall. It will cost about \$150,000 to repair the floor and the outdated piping system. (Mark Arike).

Committee in the works for medical centre

The Highlands East Health Centre committee is going to get off the ground with the help of the municipality.

Council voted unanimously to support the committee, which will include the owner of the Wilberforce medical centre, one councillor, a member of the Bancroft Family Health Team and two members of the public.

There are operational concerns because multiple health services are being provided in one building, CAO Shannon Hunter told *The Highlander*. She met owner Khosrow

Highlander news

Hospital CEO called a team player

By Mark Arike

Carolyn Plummer's mother advised her not to follow in her footsteps and pursue a career in nursing.

But she didn't listen.

"When I was growing up, my mom always said don't go into nursing. It's backbreaking work, it's underpaid," said Plummer in an interview. "It was never on my radar at all because of that."

Then one day her mother took her to a long-term care home she worked at.

"She would bring us in when we were kids to help out at events," she explained, adding her grandmother was a resident at the facility.

Plummer was only 18 when her mother Lorraine passed away from Hodgkin's disease. Shortly after, when she was looking for a summer job and someone suggested she work as an aide at a long-term care home.

Now she's the president and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), a corporation that oversees the operation of two hospitals, two health care facilities and other services. She was hired on July 7 after serving as the interim CEO for seven months following the termination of Varouj Eskedjian.

A self-described "country girl" who grew up near Cookstown, Plummer, now in her 40s, moved to Toronto to study French at

York University. At that point, she wasn't sure what she wanted to do.

She didn't enjoy the program and decided to take a year off, which saw her return to her job at the long-term care centre. It would be a turning point.

"I went and got a certificate as a health care aide, which is similar to a PSW, and during that year I discovered I really, really liked it. I thought, 'You know what? I'm going to try nursing.'"

Plummer studied at the University of Toronto and after graduating was hired as a nurse at Sunnybrook Hospital. Her first day of work was May 27, 1994—she remembers the date so clearly because it's also her birthday.

She worked at the hospital for nine years and obtained her master's degree in health sciences. That led to employment in senior roles with Deloitte Canada and the University Health Work.

Plummer fell in love with the Highlands the moment her husband Jim brought her to the area for a visit. (His family has been cottaging in Haliburton since the 1950s.) She was 19 at the time.

"To me, this feels more like home because I grew up in a small town," she said.

Plummer couldn't wait to return, and in 2008 joined the Haliburton Highlands Health Services' (HHHS) board of directors. However, it wasn't until September of last year that the cottager became a permanent resident.

She started her career with HHHS as the director of patient services and chief nurse executive. But it was short-lived due to the organization's need for an interim leader in December.

"It's not like I left; I just came down the hall," she laughed.

Being asked to fill the top role came as a surprise. She decided to put the needs of the community first and rose to the challenge.

"When they asked me, I thought I've got to do whatever I've got to do in order to make sure that our patient care remains the same ... that we can keep moving forward as an organization and the staff still feel supported."

Although it entails plenty of responsibility, Plummer enjoyed it more than she thought she would.

When the permanent position became available in April, she applied.

HHHS received more than 40 applications for the job. After going through their

resumes, a special committee of the board decided Plummer was the right fit.

"We are confident that Carolyn is the best candidate and is well positioned to lead HHHS going forward to fulfill our strategic mandate and our vision for the future of health care in Haliburton County," said board chair Dave Bonham.

Plummer plans on sticking around for the long-term. In fact, she expects to finish her career in Haliburton.

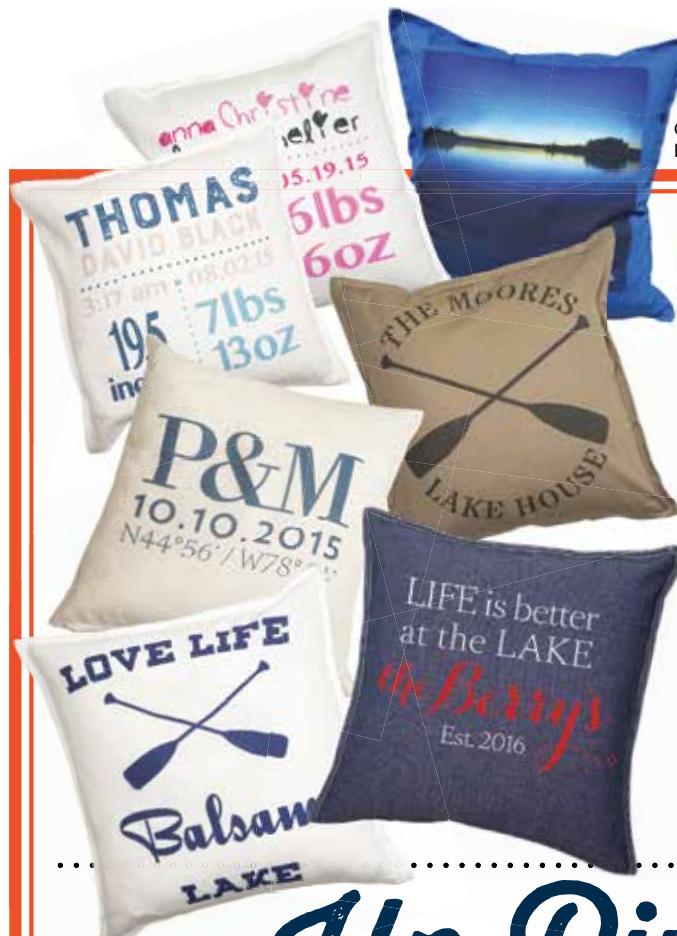
"We [my husband and I] had always planned to retire here anyway, so this just kind of moved everything up a little bit for us," she said.

"I'm really excited to be here and to be settling in."

Plummer encourages the public to contact her if they have any concerns or feedback about health care in the Highlands. She can be reached at 705-457-2527 or email cplummer@hhhs.ca.



Carolyn Plummer was appointed president and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services on July 7. Photo by Mark Arike.



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Renewal Options for the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena

Council and the Arena Task Force seek input on the selection of a preferred Option for the Renewal of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and invites residents, businesses and visitors to complete a survey. Your participation is valued and appreciated in shaping the future of this important recreational facility serving the community of Minden Hills. The following Public Meetings are scheduled to present and discuss additionally the renewal options at the Minden Community Centre, Room #2. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Presentations at 7:00 pm:

- Sports and Recreation Groups – Monday **September 19, 2016**, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- General Public – Monday **October 3, 2016**, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Master Parks and Trails Plan

Council and the Community Services Advisory Committee seek further input on the development of the Draft Master Parks and Trails Plan and invites residents, businesses and visitors to complete the following surveys:

- Minden Hills Survey #1 – Initial survey of needs and concerns to help create a plan to enhance and develop the Parks and Trails of Minden Hills.
- Minden Hills – Survey #2 – Input on Draft Master Parks and Trails Plan to date.

A final Public Meeting is scheduled for Monday October 24, 2016, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Minden Community Centre to share the additional results and findings of the surveys and revised draft recommendations within the Plan.

All completed surveys may be returned until **October 11th** to the above locations or by email to mcoleman@mindenhill.ca.

Copies of all Surveys and background material are available at the following locations:

- www.mindenhill.ca
- Community Services Department – 55 Parkside Street (S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena), Minden, ON K0M 2K0. Monday- Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- Administration Office – 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON K0M 2K0. Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Inquiries, questions, or requests for additional background information can be directed to Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services, mcoleman@mindenhill.ca, 705-286-1936 ext. 201.



Canada Post and union in 30-day 'cooling off' period

By Mark Arike

It took a government minister intervening to stop a Canada Post lockout from happening.

On July 6, MaryAnn Mihychuk, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, asked Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers to submit to binding arbitration to reach an agreement.

Canada Post extended its 72-hour lockout notice to Monday and agreed to voluntarily submit to binding arbitration.

But the union was opposed to the idea.

"As mentioned in previous bulletins, the union fought against the unfair and unconstitutional legislation that took away our right to free negotiations in 2011 and we won," states a report issued by chief union negotiators Sylvain Lapointe and George Floresco. "Why would we

give up that right?"

In December, the collective agreement between Canada Post and the union expired. The terms and conditions have continued to apply, according to Canada Post.

Two major sticking points for the union are pay equity for female employees in rural areas and changes to the pension plan.

On Friday, postal workers proposed a 30-day "cooling off" period before entering further negotiations. The union agreed to engage in "intensive negotiations" after this time.

Canada Post has withdrawn its lockout notice and the union has promised not to go on strike.

There are five rural and suburban mail carriers who work in Haliburton County. Additionally, there are three members who live in Minden and one in Tory Hill.

The union represents 50,000 workers.

As mentioned in previous bulletins, the union fought against the unfair and unconstitutional legislation that took away our right to free negotiations in 2011 and we won.

Sylvain Lapointe & George Floresco

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August 25 9:00 am, combined COTW/Regular Council Meeting, Minden Council Chambers

Please note Council meetings are reduced to one meeting during the months of July and August.

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6. Trillium Award: For an individual, group or business whose horticultural, community beautification, civic pride, protection, conservation or enhancement of the environment efforts support the Community in Bloom Program.

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Left: Haliburton County Public Library CEO/county librarian Bessie Sullivan holds the Ontario Library Association award. Photo by Lisa Gervais. Right: The exterior of the Wilberforce branch. Submitted.

Wilberforce branch stacks up

By Lisa Gervais

A small library in Haliburton County has shown it can compete with some of the biggest book houses in the city when it comes to design and building.

The Wilberforce branch – and designer HavenCraft Designs – was one of five winners at the 2016 Ontario Library Association new library building awards in Oakville July 8.

Other winners were: Centennial College Ashtonbee Campus Renewal and Library, Toronto Public Library Fort York Branch Library, Ryerson University Student Learning Centre and Toronto Public Library Scarborough Civic.

Haliburton County Public Library CEO/county librarian Bessie Sullivan said they were, "Really proud of the accomplishment."

She said with 14 applications, the locals who went to Oakville were impressed that a tiny, \$400,000 branch, could stack up against multi-million-dollar projects.

Sullivan said it was a collaboration between the library, HavenCraft Designs,

Highlands East municipality and Fleming College. Students in Fleming's Sustainable Building Design and Construction program built the 2,240-square-foot library in 2013. Features include straw bale walls with local clay plaster, locally-sourced FSC-certified timber frame, dry wall made of recycled Tretra-paks, green roof entry porch, clerestory roof for natural light, locally-milled siding and radiantly heated slab floor.

"We are extremely proud of our students and faculty team who were a part of this build," Dean of the Haliburton School of Art + Design and principal of Haliburton Campus, Sandra Dupret said. She added that students did an exceptional job of building a structure that would give back to the community in which it is housed while requiring minimal energy to operate in return.

"This library demonstrates a strong focus on sustainable building efforts. Energy efficient materials and methods are paired with a natural look and feel that makes it fit in the landscape. The interior has a cozy, cottage-like feel ... increased opportunities for programming in particular, and

community engagement overall, speak well for the community's future," a library jury member said.

An architecture jury member stated: "This building is a testament to the design ingenuity of a small community. Working with limited resources and program, the community has developed a building that shows leadership on climate change in a design that reflects the community... the community realized the value of the library space as a centre of learning and designed a space that educates, provides opportunities to gather and stimulate the local economy."

The OLA Library Building Award encourages and showcases excellence in the architectural design and planning of libraries in Ontario, it said in a news release.

"The award recipients, along with their architectural firms, have created wonderful spaces that have become tremendous community assets," said Shelagh Paterson, executive director of OLA. "They have shown that libraries can be well-designed places for play, energy, serenity and excitement."



History in the making

Haliburton Highlands Historical Society president Larry J. Giles presents a plaque to Randall and Marty Grant at Bernstein's in downtown Haliburton Saturday. The store dates to 1923. The Grant brothers spoke fondly of their grandmother, Bella Bernstein during the plaque presentation. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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Haliburton struggling to control its energy destiny

FIT-4 program in Haliburton is a tiny step forward, local experts say

By Alex Coop

The possible development of 24 renewable energy projects in Haliburton County is ultimately good news, local experts say, but the financial benefits that come with that type of development are bypassing the county and landing in the pockets of private corporations.

"Almost the entire development of renewable energy belongs to private powers, and that comes at a price that we don't recognize," said Terry Moore, vice president of Environment Haliburton! (EH!) at Tuesday's Enviro Café meeting in Minden.

The Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) recently announced it is offering 936 new Feed-in Tariff (FIT) renewable energy contracts to corporations across Ontario. These contracts represent 241.4 megawatts (MW) of power.

FIT projects allow individuals and companies to develop projects, sign contracts with the government and receive a guaranteed price for their energy over a 20-year period.

Haliburton is receiving more than 10 MW, which is enough to power more than 1,800 homes. All of the projects are solar.

The majority of these contracts have been absorbed by corporations like Solar Flow-Through Limited Partnerships (SFF Solar), a private company based out of Vancouver which obtained FIT contracts in Dysart et al and Highlands East.

They also have contracts in the municipality of Centre Hastings and Trent Hills.

The resulting solar projects will contribute to a more secure grid system, says Brian Nash, owner of Haliburton Solar and Wind, but will limit opportunities for homeowners and businesses to benefit from net metering.

Hydro One's net metering program allows people to send electricity generated from

their personal renewable energy systems back into Hydro One's electrical grid for a credit towards their electricity costs.

But if the grid is at maximum capacity, meaning additional power can no longer be fed into it, the opportunities for net metering shrink.

Nash compares it to a hose already filled with water trying to take more.

"A lot of these projects will probably suck out a lot of our capacity," he said.

The financial gain and job creation that come with the development of big projects like these don't circulate within the community either, said Minden Hills councillor Pam Sayne.

"The money still goes into the larger corporations ... and because the corporation's interests come first, our local economic and environmental perspectives can be overlooked," she said, adding it's

why the township's renewable energy taskforce was created.

The taskforce's now-finalized renewable energy policy will be taken to the county later this month, where Sayne said she hopes it will be implemented as a county-wide policy.

Without it, residents often become confused and divided over new renewable energy technologies being built in their neighbourhood, especially when their feedback is overlooked by the foreign company tasked with the projects' construction.

The policy is a framework for Minden Hills and outlines how to approach topics relating to renewable energy. Until now, no such framework had existed.

By adopting the policy at the county level and pursuing FIT contracts intelligently, Haliburton would not only reduce

greenhouse gasses (GHGs), but become an attractive area where residents are encouraged to retrofit their homes with renewable energy technologies, Moore said.

"A system that would allow people to retrofit their homes and pay the money back over time is the kind of thing the public sector could do," he said.

Ontario's dedication to create a new and improved electricity system called smart grid is costing taxpayers a lot of money, Nash said, but it will be worth it since our existing grid is about 100 years old and a serious upgrade is long overdue.

"The communities that resist [renewable energy technologies] are sacrificing a secure grid system," he said, adding increasingly ambitious provincial and national targets for reducing GHGs which won't be met without a smart grid either.



Learning from a pro

Carlo Rapony of Youth Unlimited helps Colin Glecoff learn how to skateboard. Colin, who frequently visits the skate park with his scooter, decided to test the waters with a skateboard. Youth Unlimited spent the afternoon at the skate park in Haliburton Tuesday to teach kids some basic skateboarding techniques, cook some burgers and raise awareness about the need for a new skate park. Photo by Alex Coop.

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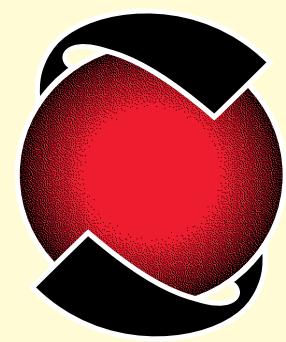
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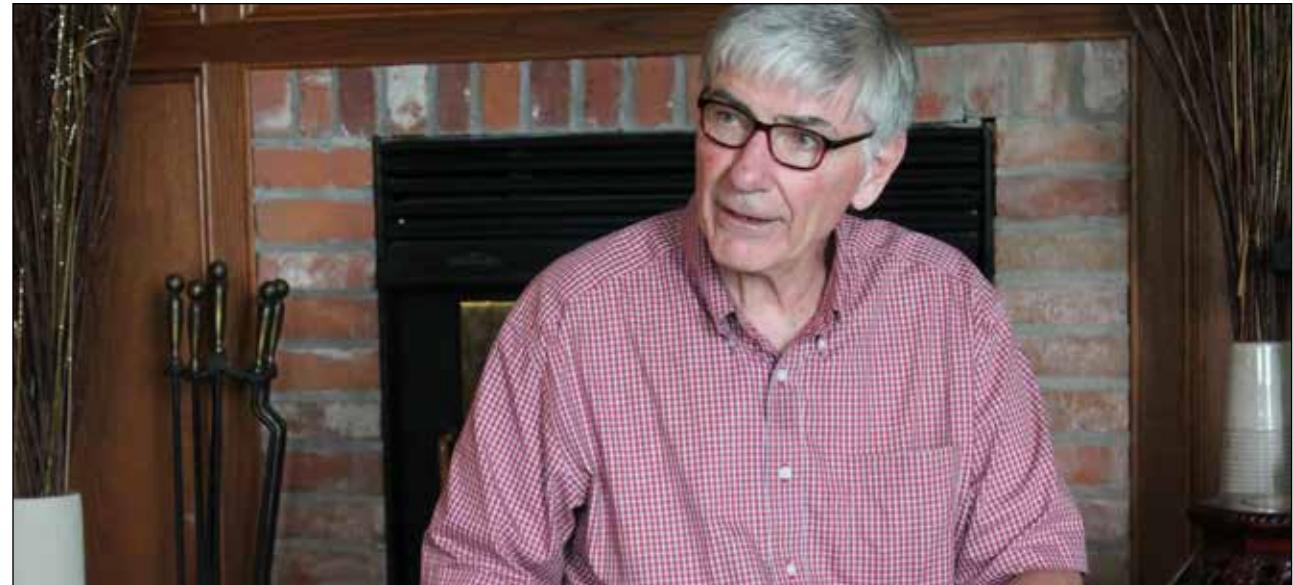
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President Gary Wiles conducts a director's meeting after the AGM on Saturday. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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Kashagawigamog Lake association wants more members

By Lisa Gervais

Membership concerns was one of the issues that came up at the Kashagawigamog Lake Organization's annual general meeting Saturday.

President Gary Wiles told *the Highlander* that there are 600 property owners on the lake but only 235 of them are members of the organization.

"We are encouraging anybody on the lake to become a member," he said.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey spoke at the meeting at Halimar Resort along with Minden Hills director of

community services, Mark Coleman and Pat Warren, director of resource development at the Haliburton Land Trust.

Wiles said one of the good news stories that came up at the AGM is the organization's partnership with the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association to naturalize the lake's shoreline. Wiles said, "It is the key to success to ensure future generations enjoy the lake."

Coleman spoke about the township's master parks and trails plan. They are launching a second round of public consultations, as well as seeking comment on the draft plan to date that was formed from the first phase of consultations.

Property assessment notices going out this week

Owners have 120 days to appeal

By Lisa Gervais

Property assessment was on the minds of Soyers Lake Association members as a speaker from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) addressed their annual general meeting on Saturday.

Nathan Martin told them that the "big five" determines their property values, namely: location, lot dimensions, living area, age of the property and quality of construction.

He said 2016 property assessment notices were mailed to cottagers July 11 and joked "this is not a tax bill."

He said if people disagree with the amount on their notice, they can file a request for consideration.

He said if they have a "reasonable case," MPAC will listen. For example, if they have a similar property to a neighbor, and are assessed at \$600,000, when the neighbour's assessment is \$400,000 "give us a call." He said there is no cost or penalty to appeal as MPAC "just wants to make sure our numbers are right."

He said they sometimes do get assessments wrong, since, due to the volume of properties they assess, they can only physically visit a property once every 12 years.

He said people had 120 days to file a request for consideration, meaning their deadline would be Nov. 8

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Highlander lake news



Tammy Nash snapped this picture of a bear near Stanhope on July 5. Submitted.

Bear problem on Big and Little Hawk Lakes

By Justin van Lieshout

Maybe it's because of the new fencing at the Eagle Lake landfill, or perhaps it's due to a decrease in natural food sources, but either way, bears in the Hawk Lake region have become a hazard.

On Sunday, concerned cottagers and residents met in the Oak View Lodge with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to discuss their concerns and issues.

"He's been back twice since the first time," said Barbra Mann, whose cottage was broken into this spring. The bear caused \$17,000 in damage that was covered by insurance, but Mann's worried someone might get caught off guard and hurt.

Laurene Green shares this concern, stressing the importance of education. "You just need to be smart about it," Green says. She hopes to educate her children and grandchildren about bears.

MNRF representative Katie Parosch presented a detailed outline of what cottagers can do to help protect their homes, and what the MNRF is doing to help.

At this time, however there's very little anyone can do. With animal euthanization a last resort for everyone, the ministry is currently trying to collect as much information about the animals as possible. Parosch urges property owners to properly protect their homes and to collect as much

data about bear encounters as possible.

This means removing dog food from the porch, adding motion sensor lights, and remaining vigilant for both your property and your neighbour's homes. In addition to this, Parosch asks the community to pay close attention to details about the bear including nose colour, missing fur, any injuries, and any other information that might help the MNRF identify specific bears.

The ministry has also reinstated the fall bear hunt that will begin Sept. 1 and run for one month to help reduce the booming bear population.

For most cottagers this has never been an issue in the past.

Craig Welbourn has been cottaging on Little Hawk Lake for more than 60 years and cannot recall ever having this problem before.

After being notified by canoeists who saw the bear leaving his cottage, he took measures to increase his property's safety, but it wasn't enough.

"On Saturday morning (June 25) at 4 a.m. the bear broke into our porch. Thankfully my daughter woke up and we were able to scare it off," Welbourn said, "but there's not much else we can do."

If anyone sees a bear in the region, please contact the MNRF with a detailed description of the sighting at 1-866-514-2327.

Lending library up and running

By Mark Arike

Koshlong Lake cottagers can borrow books and DVDs from a self-serve lending library. They can also drop off materials for others.

The Koshlong Lake Association (KLA) has set up a small cabinet about 100 feet from the government dock at the east end of Koshlong Lake Road, near Camp Wanakita.

Highlands East council approved the location, which is on municipally-owned property, on Monday.

The KLA has assumed responsibility for the maintenance of the lending library, and will remove and place it in storage during the off-season.

"I don't have a problem with it," said property supervisor Jim Alden.

The KLA represents more than 260 cottagers. It was founded in 1963.

Canning Lake urges shoreline naturalization

By Justin van Lieshout

"Imagine not being able to swim in your lake?" Paul MacInnes asked residents and cottagers at the Canning Lake annual general meeting on Sunday.

Blue-green algae is on the rise in Northern Ontario and if it grows in your lake you can expect to see a 30-40 per cent decrease in property value.

MacInnes urges associations to help encourage shoreline naturalization in order to prevent the growth of this deadly algae.

But it isn't all bad news. The association was also able to raise \$500 to donate to the HHHS foundation, totalling \$8,000 to date, and it won't stop there.

Jim Mitchell has written a book detailing the history of Canning Lake and plans to sell it in order to raise money for more great initiatives surrounding environmental issues that affect the lake.

In addition to these plans, the association looks forward to its family fun day on Aug. 1, and the sailing regatta that takes place the following day.

Docks and dams subject of Drag Lake meeting

By Lisa Gervais

just below normal for this time of year.

Lake steward Bert Bicknell spoke about water quality. He said it was good and needs to be protected for property values and fishing. He talked about the importance of naturalized shorelines. Members were directed to get their free shoreline reports which detail the state of individual properties and provide guidelines on restoration.

There was a brief discussion of why it's bad to cut down trees or remove vegetation near the waterfront. Lawns send runoff directly to the lake, leading to destruction of fish habitats and water degradation. If phosphates are used there can be excessive weeds and ultimately dead zones in the water. The results of a member survey were distributed, showing that property owners value peace and quiet, and the natural setting, most of all.

The association made a cheque presentation to the Haliburton Highlands Hospital Auxiliary with lake association president Barb Bohlin saying they had selected the auxiliary because it had no overhead costs and all of the money goes to buying equipment for the hospital.

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Highlander news

Mystery shopper scam gets Haliburton man

By Mark Arike

Haliburton resident Steven Young was going through his emails on his phone when he came across an opportunity to earn some money as a mystery shopper.

But as is often the case, it was too good to be true.

"I got a pop-up on the Internet for what they call a mystery shopper," recalled Young, who received the email about two months ago. "Usually I avoid those things like the plague. But for some reason I just said yes."

There are legitimate companies that hire people as mystery shoppers to get unbiased opinions about their products or services. These people visit stores and pose as regular shoppers.

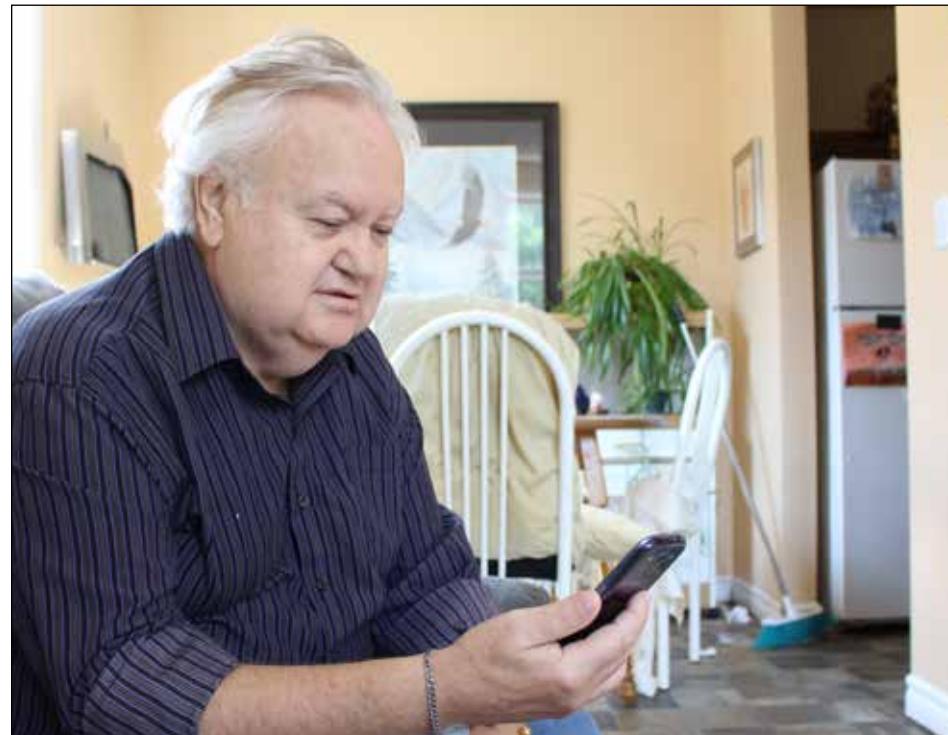
Young expressed his interest and received a second email requesting additional information, such as his address.

"I sent all that to them and didn't hear anything for awhile," he said.

One day he went to the post office and there was a cheque for \$2,920, part of which was for training expenses, and a letter with instructions. The letter told him to complete this "probation training assignment" within 48 hours.

"This training assignment takes about two hours to complete and is PAID training," reads the letter. "Training pay rate remains \$210 per hour."

"One of the first things I had to do was go



Haliburton resident Steve Young looks at a text message he received as part of a mystery shopper scam. Photo by Mark Arike.

to Sears and buy something for \$100, which I did, and then go to the nearest Walmart in Bracebridge and get two money orders for \$1,200," he said.

When Young travelled to Bracebridge on July 4, a man using the name Leroy Damisa texted him asking he instead go to

the nearest CIBC and send \$2,300 back to them. He provided a name—Jean Fotso—and transit number.

"I wasn't feeling good about the whole thing," he said.

Three days later the cheque bounced, leaving Young on the hook for the full

amount (he spent some of his own money on birthday gifts for his daughter thinking the cheque was real).

He reported the incident to police and contacted his branch manager.

"They [the bank] say their hands are really tied," he said.

Young arranged a meeting with his branch manager on Tuesday.

The 64-year-old, who is on disability and is living off a limited income, has been looking for work to earn some extra money.

"It's going to be extremely difficult [to come up with that money]," he said.

His disability payments end next month when he turns 65. He will then switch to an old age pension.

"I have no idea how much money that is, so this could be really hard times."

The OPP confirmed they received a report about the scam and will be investigating.

In March of last year, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) warned the public to "exercise extreme caution when responding to unsolicited emails, text messages and high-paying job offers." In two weeks, the BBB received 10 inquiries about a mystery shopper scam.

Frauds and attempted frauds should be reported to your local OPP detachment and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501. For more information on current frauds visit antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

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Highlander community



Nearly 2,300 pounds of food collected for food bank

The Minden Lions Club and its twin club in Post Falls, Idaho competed to raise food for their local food banks. Some 2,294 pounds was collected in Minden and 3,516 in Post Falls. However, the Minden Food Bank said that the real winners are the two community food banks. The Minden Lions received credit for 4,588 pounds because Minden is a smaller community than Post Falls, so it won the friendly competition. The Idaho club is sending another \$250 to the Minden Food Bank as part of a wager. Lion Larry Luther was pleased with the success of both clubs, and said they are planning the competition for next year as well.

From left, Lions' Larry Luther (co-ordinator), Al Manning, Rick Lichy, Jim Donaldson (president), Colleen Mewha, Brian Moore and Joanne Barne (manager of the Minden Food Bank) with pounds of donated food. Submitted.

Minden Legion donates \$10,000 to hospital foundation

Two big cheques ended up in the hands of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) on July 6.

The Minden Legion donated \$10,000 to the foundation, with \$8,000 being raised through last year's poppy campaign. That money will be used to purchase a bariatric wheelchair, a standard wheelchair and pressure relief cushions for both hospitals. The rest will fund two commodes for the Hyland Crest long-term care facility in Minden.

"[These are] very nice donations," said HHHSF executive director Dale Walker.

The Minden branch has donated \$18,000 to the foundation in recent years. (Mark Arike)



From left, Minden Legion president Judy Flieger, poppy chair Jim Ross, HHHSF executive director Dale Walker, HHHSF chairman Peter Oyler and sergeant-at-arms Dick Schell. Photo by Mark Arike.

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As part of its 70th anniversary celebration, Parker Pad & Printing donated a total of \$70,000 to several organizations, two of which are in Haliburton County.

The company, which has offices in Haliburton and Markham, handed out cheques for \$5,000 to Abbey Gardens and the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County on June 29 at The Country Club in Woodbridge.

"As it has been our policy to support the charities our customers support, tonight we are making donations to 11 of those organizations," said owner Janis Parker.

Abbey Gardens board member, Barb Bolin thanked Parker and her company on behalf of all the recipients.

Other recipients included Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto, Covenant House of Toronto, SickKids Foundation, Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, President's Choice Children's Charity Foundation, RBC Race for the Kids, The Toronto Artillery Foundation, House of Compassion, and the Heart & Stroke Foundation. (Lisa Gervais)

Top: Abbey Gardens board member Barb Bolin, left, accepts a cheque from Carmen Urso, Parker Pad & Printing's longest-serving employee. Submitted.

Left: VDO board member Lisa Kerr, left, receives a cheque from employee Doug Rowe. Submitted.

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Highlander sports

Cyclist Nick Emsley picks up big wins

Teen cyclist becomes Ontario XC Series leader

By Alex Coop

The month of June treated teen cyclist Nick Emsley very well.

The recently turned 17-year-old took home first place at Northumberland County Forest's Beagle Club Tract, which hosted the XC Marathon Series' third race of the season.

"I was really looking forward to that race since it's my favourite out of the XC Marathon Series," he said, adding he found himself racing against a couple of his good friends from the cycling community.

Seventy kilometres of fast berms and winding trails through the woods was the sort of challenge Emsley has been preparing for all year.

His victory also earned him the top spot

in the XC Marathon Series leader. Emsley's coach, four-time Canadian national cycling champion Andrew Watson, who has coached Emsley for about a year-and-a-half, suggested he use his previous two races as training opportunities for the race in Northumberland.

"Those two races were Ontario and Canada Cup events," Emsley said. "They had some really hard competition from all over North America ... they were

a lot of fun and helped me prepare for the marathon in Northumberland."

Emsley's 17th birthday May 28 was a special one, as he walked home with some hardware after winning the Single Track Challenge at the Hardwood Ski and Bike in Oro-Medonte

Township.

"It was my fourth year racing at that event and I was hoping to win, especially since it was my birthday," he said.

His win in Hardwood was his fourth consecutive victory since participating in the circuit.

"It has been a great year so far and I can't wait for the season to continue,"

Nick Emsley

Minden teen cyclist



Emsley said.

His next race, which is also one of Emsley's 'goal races' will be the Canadian National Marathon Champion in East Hereford, Que., July 31.

Top: Nick Emsley keeps his cool while riding on the course ramp at the Hardwood Ski and Bike. Submitted.

Right: Emsley stands tall on the podium after winning the XC Marathon Series' third race of the season in Northumberland.

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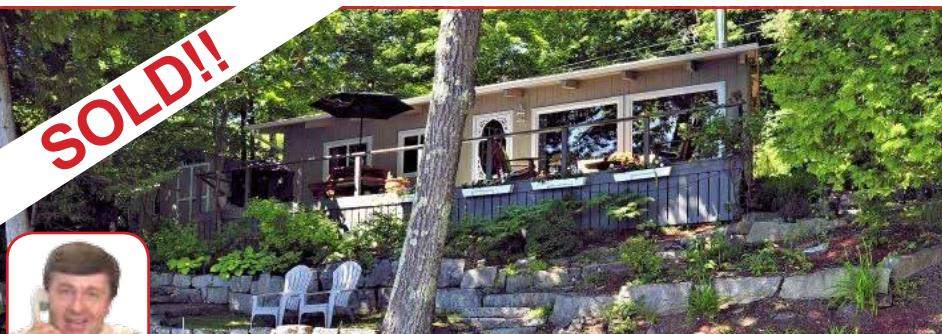
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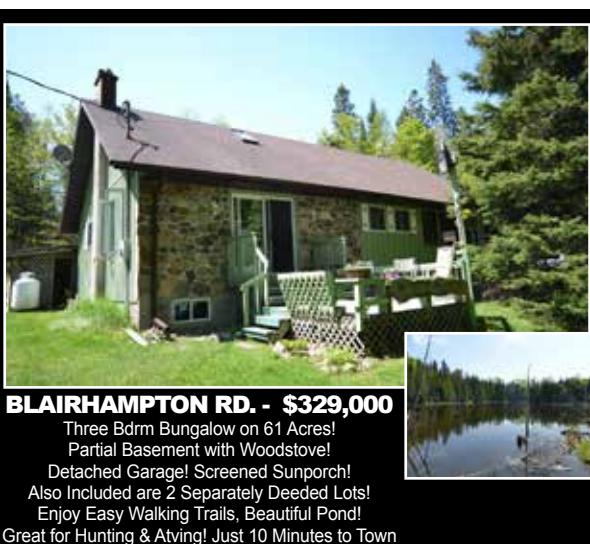
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Record amount raised in rainy run

More than \$30,000 to fight epilepsy

Submitted by Trudy Pogue

In spite of the weather, the 5th annual Katie's Run for Epilepsy on Saturday brought out more participants than ever.

One-hundred-and-seventy-one (171) people took part in three events. Thirty ran the 10km, 51 the 5km, and 90, many with dogs, walked or ran the 2.5 km.

Early morning torrential downpours and the threat of a thunderstorm had many people wondering if the event would still go on, but go on it did, with the rain stopping right on cue for the big group warm-up on the high school football field, the races, and the speeches and presentations.

New this year, an auction featured three popular big ticket items. An autographed Matt Duchene jersey generated a lot of competition and eventually sold for \$850. A signed Maple Leafs hockey stick went for \$450 and a beautiful paddle with a hand carved wolf sold for \$300.

A total of more than \$30,000 was raised. Organizers are blown away after far surpassing their ambitious fundraising goal of \$25,000. The previous record, set last year, was \$18,000. The bar was raised because of an anticipated increase in the number of participants with the new venue (Haliburton Highlands Secondary School) and the early fundraising efforts of several moms of epilepsy whose

stories were featured on the Katie's Run website and Facebook page beginning in April.

Prizes were awarded to the top three fundraisers. Trystan Bitten, 8, of Minden, was the big winner raising a total of \$3,425. Christina Hitch of Barrie was second with \$2,545. Don and Geri Woudstra, event organizers and the parents of Katie, raised \$2,250 but passed their prize onto Andrea Mitchell of Oakville who raised \$1,925.

A prize for the person who travelled the farthest to be at Katie's Run was awarded to Meghan Mardus of Cologne, Germany.

There were also 80 volunteers on the day.



Josh Bonnici proudly holds up his bronze medal in the 10 km run. He bicycled a distance of 230 km from Toronto to Haliburton the day before the event Photo by Mark Arike.

(Wasaga Beach), Robin Hewitt 29:10 (Minden).

5km male – Cameron Shortt 38:56 (Ballinafad), Kelsey Scheier 43:12 (Orleans), Joshua Bonnici 43:46 (Scarborough).

5km female – Nichole Hoang 25:23 (Toronto), Cherie McCulloch 25:33

(Waterloo), Lisa Romberger 54:00 (Hinsdale, IL), Kim Sutherland 54:56 (Bancroft), Natasha Pozega 56:19 (Waterloo).

10km male – Cameron Shortt 38:56 (Ballinafad), Kelsey Scheier 43:12 (Orleans), Joshua Bonnici 43:46 (Scarborough).

10km female – Julia Cossarin 10:35 (Lindsay), Gwendolyn Beauchamp 10:51 (L'Amable), Austen Wells 12:11 (Haliburton).

2.5km male – Larry Little 9:50 (Brampton), Noah Padgett 10:21 (Whitby), Patrick Laforest 10:25 (Barrie).

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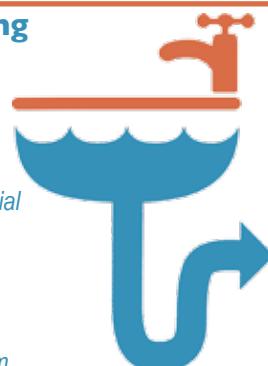
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Top left: Katie Woudstra and her mother Geri. Top right: Local fitness trainer Lorie Kah leads the warm-up. Right: Kids line up for the start of the fun run/walk. Above: Phil Newsome auctions off a signed Toronto Maple Leafs' hockey stick, which sold for \$850. Photos by Lisa Gervais and Mark Arike.

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Canoe FM radiothon paddles to \$30,000 figure

By Lisa Gervais

Canoe FM's radiothon has surpassed the \$30,000 figure again this year.

"We sincerely thank everyone who supported this station with prizes, auction items, food, music and donations this weekend," general manager Roxanne Casey said.

Casey said the local, independent radio station is proud to be an integral service in Haliburton County.

"Our 110 volunteers are your friends and family and they give thousands of hours each year to be sure that you are entertained and kept up to date on community events, news and emergency situations. 100.9 Canoe FM is your community radio station ... please pop in at any time and see what we do and where your donation money goes ... thanks Haliburton County for appreciating community radio."

Top: Bob Stiles announces the latest tally during Canoe FM's radiothon. Far left: Louise Ewing reads out the names of donors during a live broadcast. Left: The band has to move inside when rain puts a damper on the lawn party. (Photos by Lisa Gervais)

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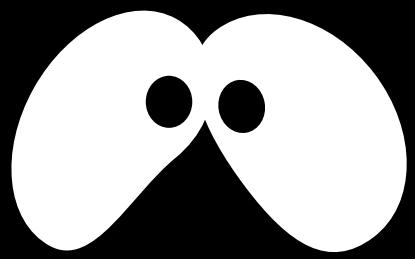
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Maundering and pondering on civic icons and photos ops

The dictionary in my computer defines maundering as 'a transitive and intransitive verb meaning to talk or say something in a vague, rambling, or incoherent way.' I'm hoping that what follows is not incoherent, but an article in the *Toronto Star*, regarding the removal of the Henry Moore sculpture from in front of the Art Gallery of Ontario and moving it to the adjacent Grange, turned on my maundering machinery.

Henry Moore is one of the best known sculptors of the 20th century. Many of his works are huge, and are often displayed, or permanently installed, outdoors, where they can be seen and experienced by people other than art lovers. Moore's oversized pieces are also prized by children, who get a real kick out of scrambling around and through them.

In Toronto, the two best-known Moore installations are the 'Archer,' in front of city hall, and 'Two Large Forms,' which has been standing in front of the AGO for years. Both installations have added a great deal to the artistic and cultural landscape in Toronto, and over time they've become civic icons.

Civic icons do not have to be artistic, but they must define, or at least help to define a people, a group of people, an

event, or specific area. Marilyn Monroe was an icon of the movie industry, and the Spitfire fighter plane was an icon of the Second World War. Many civic icons are architectural in nature; Big Ben in London, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, and the Opera House in Sydney come most readily to mind.

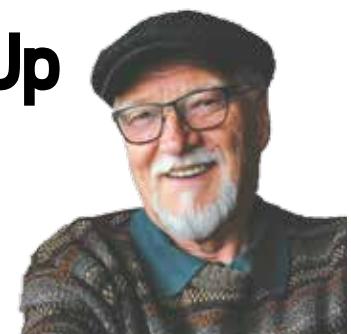
The Star article led me to ponder on what we have to offer in the Highlands, civic icon-wise. At the present time we have no equivalent of a Monroe to icon-ize, but architecturally or structurally, there are a few to consider.

Think of a civic icon as something that you want your picture taken with, or in front of. I think the lookout tower in Dorset qualifies. Ok, so structurally speaking it's not much to look at but it accomplishes a lot in creating an indelible image of our landscape in the minds of many locals and visitors, who get a fantastic view from the top of the tower. Pics from the steps and at the very top are a natural. The structure is also testament to our forests and firefighters. The only other major architectural piece that I can think of (not including lodges and the Frost Centre) is basically hidden from the public view. It's the hydro station on the Gull River

in Minden. The combination of the art deco station and the adjoining dam stand as reminders of a former time, and as monuments to our forbearers and their efforts to tame and harness the waters of the savage, yet beautiful hinterlands. I think the Hawk Lake log chute also qualifies. The train at the high school is perhaps the most iconic monument of all when you consider how the railway opened up this part of the world to commerce and tourism; and when you take into account the number of people who have their pictures taken with the train, prominently displayed in the background.

I can't think of any more extant civic icons, but I did come up with a crazy wishlist for some future ones. First I'd enhance what we already have by building a taller, and architecturally significant edifice at the location of the Dorset lookout tower. I'd blaze a walking trail along the Gull River that would incorporate wonderful views and potential photo ops of the Hydro building and dam. Also on the Gull, I would extend the Riverwalk to Rotary Park. I suspect that a Riverwalk addition would at some point have to cross the river and I'd build a modern, covered bridge across the Gull. A covered bridge over water would make a great image for a photographer or painter.

What's Up



By George Farrell

I would commission a huge iconic sculpture for the village of Haliburton. No, we couldn't afford a Moore, but tenders would be put out for submissions. Civic icons are most effective when they are put in prominent locations, so the sculpture would be located centrally in town. It would help in guiding the way to our other artistic offerings, like galleries, the School of Art and Design, and the sculpture forest. I would like to see something abstract and modern, in total contrast to the natural work of art which surrounds us.

Well I've maundered enough, plus my creative juices have dried up like a Lochlin lawn. Will any of my ideas come to be? Probably not, but it would behoove our movers and shakers to think of design elements and photo ops the next time they erect a building, install a bridge, or re-jig our downtowns. Build it and they will come, and keep coming, only if what they're coming to is worth taking a picture of.

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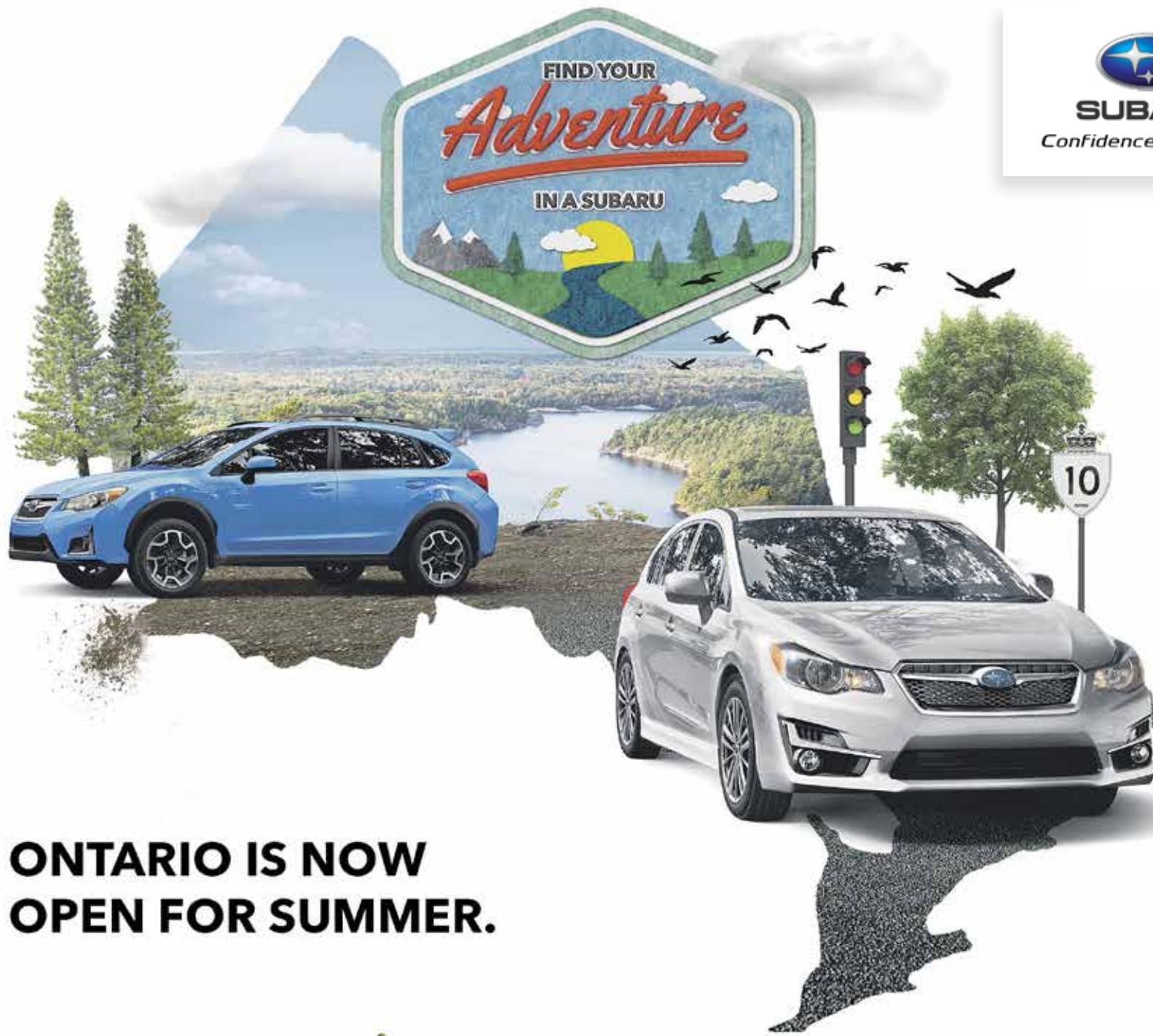
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Mia Corey, Patricia Bormanis, Shirlee Weeks and Judith Cole hold their various artistic creations up for show and tell during the second annual Art on the Dock event on Kennisis Lake on Saturday. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Book enters the Kingdom of Thrim

Local author releases second book

Haliburton award-winning author and artist Janis Cox has released her latest children's book, *The Kingdom of Thrim*.

In her first book, *Tadeo Turtle*, Cox addressed the human desire to be different and our gradual acceptance of ourselves just as we are. In *The Kingdom of Thrim*, she gently introduces readers to the sadness of planning our own path without God's guidance, and the joy of returning to his plan.

Thrim is home to Yoj, a happy, gifted doll maker of international renown. Yoj makes

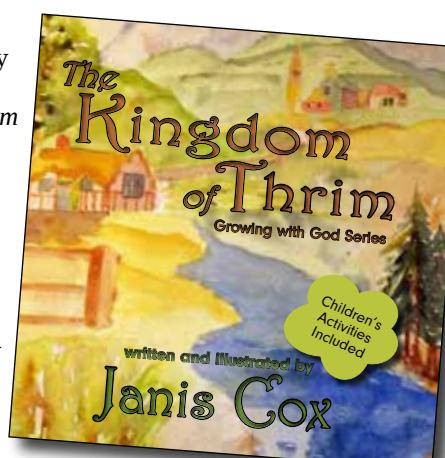
what appears to be a good plan - without consulting God. The doll maker finds himself in Shadowland, a long way from home and happiness. When he finally asks God for guidance, Yoj returns to happiness and Thrim, helping others along the way.

As illustrator of her books and a former primary school teacher, Cox knows well the importance of creativity in a child's life. Written for children ages five and older, *The Kingdom of Thrim* includes activities in which readers can create their own dolls and the kingdom, and research dolls from around the world.

Cox is partnering with Save the Mothers by creating Yoj Sock Dolls to accompany the book. For every book and doll purchased together, \$7 will go toward helping equip professionals in developing countries to improve the health of mothers and babies. The sock dolls will be available

at fairs and conferences and at Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre in Haliburton. *The Kingdom of Thrim* is the second book in the author's series Growing with God.

Cox is a devotional writer, blogger and podcaster based in Haliburton. The happily married grandmother wrote, illustrated and published *Tadeo Turtle*, her first book, in 2012. The Word Guild named it best children's book for 2013. She created the illustrations for Kimberley Payne's



The cover of *The Kingdom of Thrim* by local author Janis Cox. Submitted.

Adam's Animals in 2014 and wrote, illustrated and published *The Kingdom of Thrim* in 2016. Cox writes and voices the Growing through God's Word podcast on Hope Stream Radio each Tuesday. She is a member of The Word Guild, Inscribe Christian Writers Fellowship, Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands and Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre. (Lisa Gervais)

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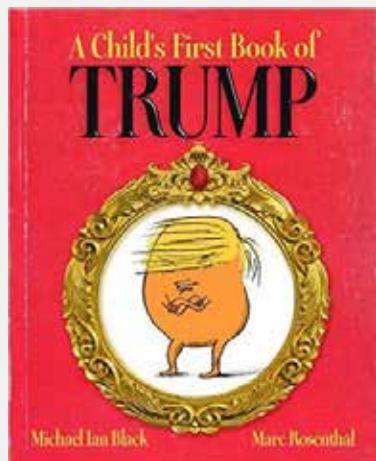
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2. *I Am Half-Sick Of Shadows* by Alan Bradley
3. *Someone Always Knows* by Marcia Muller

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *A Child's First Book Of Trump* by Michael Ian Black
2. *Small Blonde: Dolly Parton: a biography* by Stephen Miller
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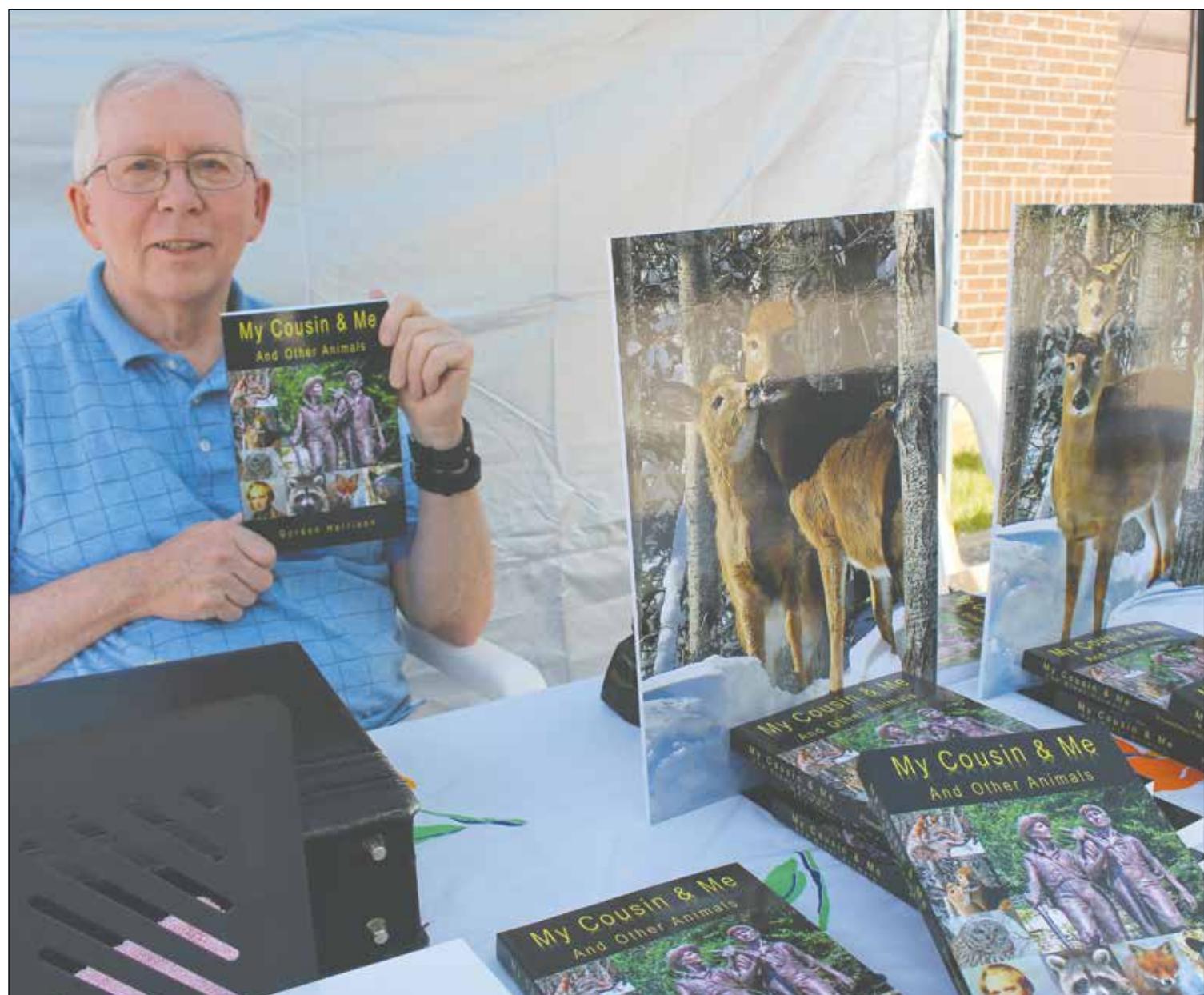
1. *Rampage* by John Sandford (YA)
2. *Ming Goes To School* by Deirdre Sullivan (Picture Book)

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2. *Sweetbitter* by Stephanie Danler (Book on CD)

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Gord Harrison displays his book. Photo by Mark Arike.

A memoir full of wildlife photos

By Mark Arike

Gord Harrison has fond memories of exploring the Haliburton Highlands with his late cousin as a child.

Harrison relives those days gone by in his latest book titled *My Cousin & Me: And Other Animals*. Within its pages are 380 wildlife photos he has taken, many of which were captured on his property off Bobcaygeon Road.

"We didn't have cameras," recalled Harrison in an interview at the Minden Artisan Market. "We were two skinny poor boys from the Haliburton Highlands. We didn't even have binoculars."

"Since we had no TV, radio or cards, we spent most of the day roaming around

looking for wildlife," he said.

A retired mathematics teacher, Harrison has been taking photos for the past 25 years. This is his fourth release to date.

Harrison's ties to the Highlands run deep; he was born and raised at a lumber mill on Brady Lake in Minden. He owns a home in Peterborough but frequents his farm on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.

He's always been an avid reader and started writing his first book, *The Pattern and The Prophecy*, before he retired 24 years ago. It was a spoof on American fundamentalism.

Without trying to sound arrogant, Harrison says this memoir is "extremely well written." But people are likely to pick it up for the images.

"You'll find it's a very poetic story. I have a

lot of Dylan Thomas and T.S. Eliot poetry in it," he explained.

There are several photos of wolves taken by a trail camera. Another captivating series of images shows a paraplegic bear as it struggles to care for its cubs.

"You've just got to love the wildlife," said the soon-to-be 80-year-old.

Other photos include fishers, deer, eagles, moths, moose and mice.

Harrison is working on his next project, but he's keeping the details to himself.

My Cousin & Me: And Other Animal is available on Amazon, Chapters, at the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, Minden Mercantile and Feed Company and The Land Between's website.

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Highlander opera

Highlands Opera Studio profiles

The Highlander will be profiling some of the young opera talent coming to the county for the upcoming Highland Opera Studio season.



Michael Nyby

"I was born in Hamilton 33 years ago, but grew up mostly in New Jersey. I lived in Vancouver longer than I've ever lived anywhere else so I often consider myself a Vancouverite."

I am looking forward to returning to the (Haliburton) Highlands this year in order to work with some of my favourite people in the business. The artistic staff at HOS are some of the most insightful

and pleasant mentors I've had. In addition, I am very much looking forward to dipping my feet in the lake again, and cycling around the rolling hills in the Haliburton countryside."

Nyby, a baritone, has performed extensively in opera and concert across Canada and the United States. He appeared as the Count in *Le Nozze di Figaro* with the Highlands Opera Studio last season, and is excited to return to the stage in Northern Ontario.



Mathieu Abel

"I'm from Saint-Flavien, a small town in the region of Chaudières-Appalaches, Québec, and will be 30 in August. I'm looking forward to coming to this program because of the incredible opera professionals and high level colleagues with whom I will be working."

I am cast in the two comical operas (Brothers Grimm/Bremen Town Musicians) by Canadian composer, Dean Burry, and look forward to learning as much as I can during my time in Haliburton."

A tenor, Abel is a graduate of the Conservatoire de Musique de Montréal. He studied with the coloratura soprano Aline Kutan and the vocal coach Olivier Godin. Most recently

he appeared as 'Don Basilio' in Mozart's, *Le nozze di Figaro* (Brott Opera, July 2016). In June, he sang as a soloist with *Choeurs éternels*, in Paris. In September, 2015, he appeared with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra as a soloist in the Canadian premiere of *Domine quid multiplicati sunt* by Krysztófiak Penderecki, conducted by Penderecki, himself. In July 2015, he sang the role of 'Ramiro' in Rossini's opera *La Cenerentola*, at *L'Accademia Europea dell'Opera*, in Italy. In May 2015, he was heard in the title role of *Orfeo* in Monteverdi's opera, at the Studio d'opéra du conservatoire. He also received the Grande Bourse (Prize) 2015 from La Montée des Arts, an organization that encourages young musicians.



Laren Margison

"I am 24, was born and raised in Toronto, but have considered Haliburton County my second home since the age of 10. It is one of my favourite places and is home to some of my favourite people. Getting to work on what you love most, in a place that is so breathtakingly beautiful, is a dream come true. Given the fact that my parents founded HOS and are the artistic and general directors, I have been part of the program in many different ways over the past decade, doing everything from chopping vegetables for lunch, helping out with social media, to finally having the honour of being a participant."

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Friends called at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Monday evening, July 11, 2016 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was in the Chapel on Tuesday afternoon, July 12, 2016 at 2 o'clock (Visitation one hour prior). Interment Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association would be appreciated by family.



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Terry Tenney

(Resident of Miskwabi Lake, Ontario)

At Haliburton Hospital with his family by his side on Sunday afternoon, July 10, 2016 in his 66th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Vicki Tenney (nee Jenkins). Loving father of Keith (Amanda), Kevin (Tia), Lynnette (Chris), Derek, Jason and Corey. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren MacKenzie, Marcus, Owen, Hayden, Kieran and Cohen. Dear brother of Alan (Debbie), Paul and Maureen (Alex Webb). Predeceased by his brother Doug. Also remembered by his sister-in-law Sandra, many nieces, nephews and his many friends. Terry enjoyed hunting, fishing, his Masonic Lodge Brethren from Ashlar Lodge in Toronto and most of all his family.

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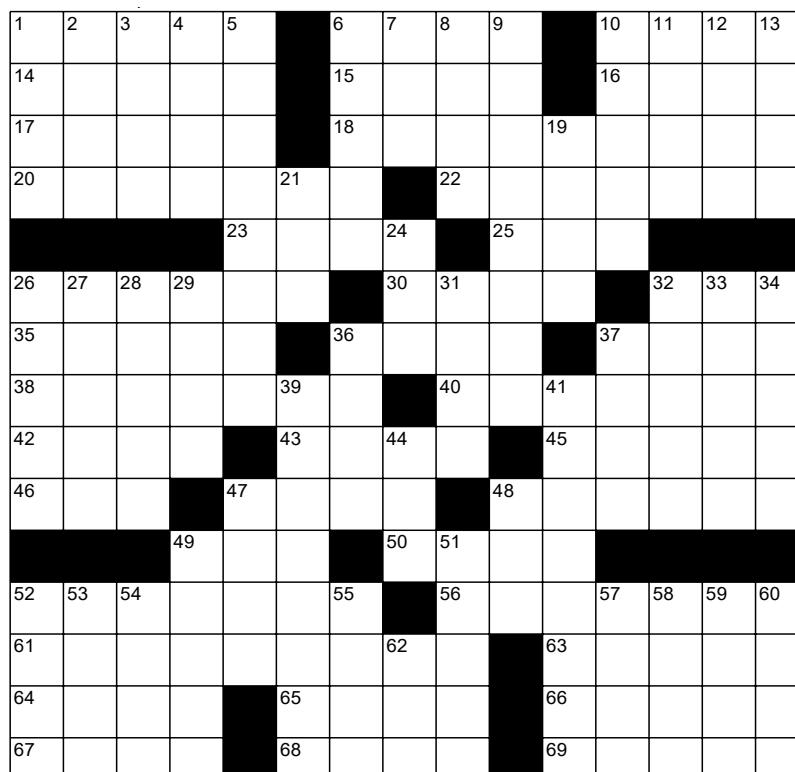
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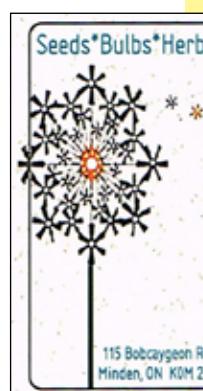


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JULY & AUGUST 2016 EVENTS - sponsored by 2016 Hike Haliburton!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 for body & soul	 <i>14th Annual 2016 Hike Haliburton Sept. 22-25</i>			Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival – July 14 – 17 Minden Fair Grounds	Day Camp 8:30, 'En Plein Air' Art Class 9, Yoga/Allie 10, Creative Hands Arts Class 1:30 – at the Dorset Rec Centre recreation@ algonquinhighlands.ca	Maple Lake Church – Strawberry Supper 4:30-6:00 \$15/adult. RSVP not necessary
 17	Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic Haliburton Legion Haliburton Highlands Health & Wellness Expo – Head Lake Park	Day Camp 8:30, Yoga/ Cait 10, Library 10, Chess 2, Yoga 6:30 – at the Dorset Recreation Centre	MUSIC IN THE PARK – Head Lake Park, Haliburton 7 PM – Johnny Burke & Ryan Vanleishout	14	Chasing Ernie – Rob Stimpson, Photographer HHOA Fish Hatchery 15	Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Gigantic Penny Raffle plus fun for the whole FAMILY – starts at 1pm 16
18			9:30 am to 3:30 pm Ages 6+ Minden Hills Cultural Centre –mindenhills.ca/cultural-centre Felt Craft, Early Settlers Olympics, Bees and Me	Haliburton School of The Arts – The Arts Walk About (free) 4 pm	Haliburton Arts and Craft Festival – Head Lake Park July 22 – 24th	Haliburton Arts and Craft Festival – Head Lake Park July 22 – 24th
19			20	Day Camp 8:30, Zumba 9:30, Volleyball 5, Zumba 7, Family Soccer 7 – at the Dorset Rec Centre	Day Camp 8:30, 'En Plein Air' Art Class 9, Yoga/Allie 10, Creative Hands Arts Class 1:30 – at the Dorset Rec Centre	Library 10 - at the Dorset Rec Centre recreation@ algonquinhighlands.ca
20				21	Dorset Art & Garden Tour 22	Dorset Art & Garden Tour 23
21	HIGHLANDS SUMMER FESTIVAL – The Judgment of Paris – also July 25 – 26th	Day Camp 8:30, Tai Chi 10:30, Basketball 5, Pickleball 7 – at the Dorset Rec Centre	Day Camp 8:30, Yoga/Cait 10, Library 10, Chess 2, Yoga 6:30 – at the Dorset Rec Centre	Junior Naturalist Camp . Minden Hills Cultural Centre –mindenhills.ca/cultural-centre	Day Camp 8:30, 'En Plein Air' Art Class 9, Yoga/Allie 10, Creative Hands Arts Class 1:30 – at the Dorset Rec Centre	Library 10 - at the Dorset Recreation Centre email recreation@ algonquinhighlands.ca
22		15th – 29th - Day Camp – ages 6-12, 9am-4pm – Coboconk on Balsam Lake 705-887-3625	MUSIC IN THE PARK – Head Lake Park, Haliburton 7 PM – Zoe Chilco & The Amazing Band	Haliburton School of The Arts – The Arts Walk About (free) 4 pm	Haliburton School of The Arts – Katherine Wheatley (free) performance	10th Annual Tour De Forest Summer Studio Tour 29
23		24	25	26	27	28
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31						Whisky Jack-Stompin' Tom Tribute. Music start at 9pm at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce. \$25/person. - purchase online or call/text 705-457-8438 6

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Ladies auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.
Meat draw, Fridays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw, five draws/five prizes, Chester Howse, MC
Cribbage, Friday, 1 p.m.
Friday Fun Darts, 4:30 p.m.
50/50 Draw, Saturday, 4 p.m., tickets are \$1 each and are available from noon on.
Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$6/person. Occasional volunteers needed.
Bridge, Monday, 1 p.m.

Tuesday night open darts, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Bid euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.
Bingo, Wednesday, doors open 6 p.m., \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month.
Live entertainment featuring Haliburton's own Gord Kidd & Friends at the Haliburton Legion Club Room on Saturday, July 23 from 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy pulled pork on a bun prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary for only \$6. Plus, for just a loonie, don't miss out on the 50/50 draw at 6 p.m. There's a \$5 cover charge for non-members.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Friday
Pool 1:30 p.m.
Community Care 55+ Lunch 12:00 p.m.
Please call Doreen DeGrave to reserve
705-457-4994 Everyone 55+ Welcome
Jam Session 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Harold Floden Memorial Bass Only Tournament. Register at the Legion by close Friday the 24th OR at the Wilberforce Bait Shop by 10 a.m., Sat the 25th. \$15/person – 1 fish limit

Call the branch at 705-448-2221 for further information

Meat draw 2 p.m. – Early Bird 3pm

SHARP

Monday

Bid euchre 7:00 p.m. Beginners welcome!

Wednesday

Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Youth League – 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Upcoming Event

MINDEN BRANCH

General meeting, first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. start

Ladies darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. limit

Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Fish/wings & chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.

Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12

Sports fan day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m.

Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.

Liver lovers' special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)

Meat draws, Wednesday lunch time.

Watch for local posters and listen to Canoe FM, and Moose FM, for special events on Saturdays.



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What's on



A number of new events are being featured at this year's Stanhope Heritage Day. Submitted.

Heritage Day is educational for all

New features at popular annual event

By Lisa Gervais

New this year is a heritage day raffle at the annual Stanhope Heritage Day.

Event coordinator Charlene McConnell said there are three great prizes to be won Saturday. They include a chainsaw-carved 'welcome' bear donated by Wayne Quibbell of Highland Creek Builders,

a unique pottery bowl donated by Lisa Barry of Homestead Pottery and a heritage gift basket donated by the Friends of the Stanhope Museum.

McConnell encouraged people to drop by as "Heritage Day is such a fun-filled family day. We have a dedicated group of volunteers that demonstrate our heritage arts, crafts and trades and it is very educational for all."

New for the kids this year are free pony rides by South Algonquin Trails and free face painting by Fluffy Feet Face Painters. There will also be a 'speaking of wildlife' show at 11 a.m.

Some of the new displays and

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Event coordinator

demonstrations include butter making, cheese-making, green wood working, leather working, pen and ink drawings of heritage farm implements and a new, antique rifles display.

Live entertainment this year features the

Tentshakers, back by popular demand from 10 – 2, and Celtic Slow Jam at 11 a.m. There will be a barbecue lunch courtesy of Todd's Independent Grocers.

"And we have many returning with new additions to their displays, antique/vintage cars, antique cameras, spinners and weavers, rug hookers, quilters, genealogy, kids crafts, maple syrup making, wood crafts, artists, local authors, live farm animals, homesteading, flour mill, garlic display etc.," McConnell said.

Cost is \$3 (children under five free) at the Stanhope Museum grounds, 1123 North Shore Rd. The event guide is at stanhopemuseum.on.ca

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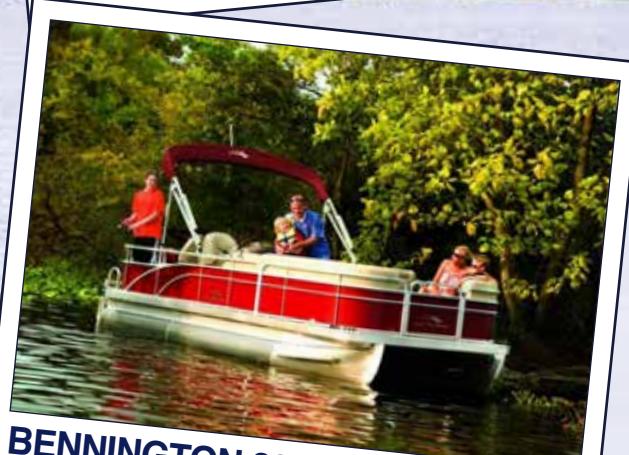
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